**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* Is the Hon'ble Member for Forests aware that other than these supplies made by the Department jungle-wood from the Cochin Forests is being supplied outside the State?

**Mr. S. Venkiteswaran** *(Conservator of Forests):* That is an export. It is not a departmental supply.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Do you give permits for these exports?

**Mr. S. Venkiteswaran** *(Conservator of Forests):* There was no permit system before. But now permits are being issued.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* What is the quantity covered by the permits that have been issued?

**Mr. S. Venkiteswaran** *(Conservator of Forests):* I want notice.

## ADJOURNMENT MOTION

**Mr. President:** Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar has given notice of a motion to adjourn the business of the House to discuss an urgent matter of public importance regarding the lack of sugar in the Fair Price Shops of the State. I am not clear that this is a specific matter of recent occurrence and I am prepared to hear the Hon'ble Member.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi):* Sugar was being supplied regularly. For the last few days, one or two weeks, we are not getting sugar. So is it not a matter of recent occurrence?

**Mr. President:** It must be a specific matter of recent occurrence, for example in any particular shop.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi):* In all the Ration Shops outside the towns sugar was not supplied.

**Mr. President:** I should like to hear the Hon'ble Member for Food Supplies.

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** *(Director of Food Supplies):* The stock of sugar went low in last December consequent on the delay in the despatch of our quota. We had a stock of about 500 tons of sugar in the beginning of December. It was expected that a fresh stock would arrive early in December. About 800 tons of sugar were due to arrive here then. Permits had been issued for it by the Sugar Controller on 22nd November 1944 and prompt steps were taken for importing the same. But inspite of repeated representations to the mills, the Sugar Controller, etc. the despatch commenced only on 22nd December and the first consignment arrived only on 7th. January 1945. This late arrival caused scarcity of sugar for the issue in some areas. But the situation is being rapidly eased. From 22nd December three waggons were being moved to the State daily from the Vishnu Sugar Mills from the North India. About 1640 bags of sugar (164 tons) have already arrived and they have been sent to the various divisions under the Assistant Supply Officers for quick distribution. Fresh consignments are daily arriving and they also will be distributed quickly. No further scarcity of sugar is likely to arise in the future. Assistant Supply Officers have been given special instructions to effect speedy distribution of the issues of sugar to make up for the delay in issuing supplies.

In the normal course there was no reason to apprehend that there would be any break in the supply, was not possible therefore to anticipate it and effect a proportionate reduction in the distribution. Hence it has not been possible to curtail the supply made in the previous months. There has not been complete stoppage of supply in all the areas. Only in few shops there was shortage. Now we hope to make up the shortage in the next few months occurring to availability of stock.

**Mr. President:** Is the Hon'ble Member satisfied with the explanation given by the Director of Food Supplies?

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi):* Sugar has become a daily necessity now-a-days and so if it will be supplied without further delay....

**Mr. President:** Unfortunately the State is entirely dependent upon mills outside the State for the supply of sugar and the Hon'ble Member realises as I do that the Transport difficulties do occur and so the Government can give no guarantee that the shortage will not happen again.

*Motion, by leave, withdrawn*

## SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS—*(cont.)*

### 18. Rs. 860 under 1-Land Revenue—Cattle Pounds

**Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar):* Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 860—under "1—Land Revenue—Cattle Pounds (3) Miscellaneous",

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The provisions of the Cattle Trespass Act have been extended to be made applicable to ducks and drakes and the greatest harm was seen done in two villages, Cheranellur and Kadamakkudi. Arrangements are being made to impound these in these two villages so that they may not create the same trouble to the paddy fields hereafter. For this purpose this amount is wanted. I pray that it may be sanctioned.

*Demand put and carried.*

### 19. Rs. 1,310 under 20-2-Collegiate Education—Field Games

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** *(Director of Public Instruction):* Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,310 under "20-2-Collegiate Education—Field Games".

This amount represents the cost of construction of yacht for the use of the College Sea Scouts and the cost of repairing and repainting of another presented to the College by our Ex-Diwan, Mr. Dixon. The first amount of Rs. 860 which was provided for in the last year's budget but unfortunately the work could not be completed before the year was out and so the amount could not be paid to Messrs. Brunton and Co. It is simply a restoration of the amount that lapsed last year due to no fault of the Government. The cost of the repair and repainting comes to Rs. 450. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction the allotment.

*Demand put and carried.*

### 20. Rs. 8,600 under 20-2-Collegiate Education—Technological Institution—Cost of equipment

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** *(Director of Public Instruction):* Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 8,600 under "20-2-Collegiate Education—Technological Institute—Cost of equipment, etc."

The Technological Iustitute of the College was inaugurated only in a few weeks ago and the actual provision of the budget was not commensurate with our needs. New equipment had to be purchased. There is also the cost of inaguration and so on. A sum of Rs. 4,400 was provided in the budget. That is inadequate. It has to be supplemented by this amount of Rs. 8,600. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction this allotment.

### Cut motion

***Mr. Joseph Pettah** *(Adur):* Mr. President, Sir, I move that the amount of Rs. 8,600 for Technological Institute under Collegiate Education be reduced by Re. 1 for the purpose of initiating a discussion on the meagreness of the amount allotted for Ayurvedic Research. Referring to the note to the Standing Finance Committee it is found that an amount of Rs. 500 is required for the purchase of articles for Ayurvedic Research. So the demand for Ayurvedic Research is only Rs. 500 in the additional allotment claimed.

**Mr. President:** I must remind the Hon'ble Member that this is a demand for a supplementary grant and these figures should be read with those which appear in the budget passed by this House six months ago. It is hardly fair to comment on the supplementary demand without reference to the amount already provided in the budget.

***Mr. Joseph Pettah** *(Adur):* If we take the budget figures and the supplementary demand figures, if we take all these figures together it will be seen that the amount set apart for Ayurvedic Research is very meagre compared with the importance of the particular branch of Medical Science. It is only to point out the necessity for increased provision for Ayurvedic Research in the State that I am moving this cut. It is a very meagre provision as I said that is provided for in the budget and in the supplementary grant also only a pittance of Rs. 500 is provided for. It would seem that this Ayurvedic Research is treated as the cynderla of the Medical Service. It is receiving in my opinion a worse than step-motherly treatment. I have to submit, Sir, that Research is an important factor in the development of the Ayurvedic System of medicine. For the matter of that, it is important in other medical lines too. The need is very great and urgent and the scope for Research is immense and almost unlimited. The various lines in which the Research would have to be conducted are of course known to the experts, but even a layman is not unaware of some of these lines in which Research work could be taken up and ought to be taken up. For instance, to discover the medicinal virtues in the various plants, fruits and roots and also in the inorganic substances like metals and salts. Our forests seem to be full of these medicinal herbs and they could be had very cheaply anywhere in the State. The only difficulty is that very often these virtues are not

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member



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